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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02 April 2008.
 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 67-70,72-75 and 77-90 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) 67-70,72,73,77-85,87 and 89 is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) 74,75,86,88 and 90 is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ .
3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>4/02/2008</u> .	5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application
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DETAILED ACTION

Applicant's request for reconsideration of the finality of the rejection of the last Office action is persuasive and, therefore, the finality of that action is withdrawn.

Claims 67-70, 72-75 and 77-90 are currently pending and under consideration.

Information Disclosure Statement

The Information Disclosure Statement filed on 4/01/2008 is acknowledged. The submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner. A signed copy of the IDS is attached hereto.

Rejections Withdrawn:

The rejection of Claims 67-70, 72-75 and 77-90 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention is withdrawn in view of Applicants arguments.

New Objections Upon Careful Review:

Claim Objections

Claims 74-75, 86, 88 and 90 are objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c), as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. Applicant is required to cancel the claim(s), or amend the claim(s) to place the claim(s) in proper dependent form, or rewrite the claim(s) in independent form. In the instant case, claims 74-75, 86, 88 and 90 which ultimately depend from independent claims 67, 69 and 70, limit the MN/CA IX specific sulfonamide to a compound selected from the group consisting of compounds 1-91. However, independent claims 67, 69 and 72 recite the limitation that the cell membrane-impermeant, potent specific inhibitor of MN/CA IX have a inhibition constant of less than about 50 nM to be potent and be a more potent inhibitor of MN/CA IX enzymatic activity than of the enzymatic activity of CA I, CA II and IV or CA IV alone. Thus, in order for claims 74-75, 86, 88 and 90 to be a proper dependent claims all of the compounds selected from the group consisting of compounds 1-91 would have to have a inhibition constant for MN/CA IX of less than about 50 nM and be a more

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potent inhibitor of MN/CA IX enzymatic activity than of the enzymatic activity of CA I, CA II and IV or CA IV alone. However, a careful review of the specification does not appear to teach that this limitation is applicable to all 91 compounds (see specification Table 1, page 60-61, Table 2, pages 63-65 and Table 3, page 66).

Claims 67-70, 72-73, 77-85, 87 and 89 appear to be free of the prior art and are in condition for allowance. Claims 74-75, 86, 88 and 90 are objected to.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to BRANDON J. FETTEROLF whose telephone number is (571)272-2919. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 7:30 to 4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Larry Helms can be reached on 571-272-0832. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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